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Roy Meachum, Frederick's master of three-monkeys journalism - he speaks no evil, sees no evil, hears no evil of anything Arabic - exceeds himself, no mean accomplishment, in his (3/17) column.

In it he attributes the World Trade Center bombing to the extremist Arabs, justifies that murderous outrage, and concludes that it is "only the first payment on a long-overdue moral debt, costing more innocent lives."

We've got it and more coming to us is what he says!

Meachum proves all over again - when didn't he in any column on the tragedy of the Middle East? - that there is no indecency, no immorality, of which he is not capable.

And, as always in those columns, he misinforms his readers and rewrites history, past and present.

His virulent anti-Semitism and endless lies to incite readers to join him in hatred of Israel is illustrated by what his earlier column actually proclaiming that understandable Hitler was coerced into anti-Semitism: the "Israeli Defence (sic) Force has been turned to the basic function of punishing and killing women and children."

In this he has gone through the bottom of the barrel and dredges the sewers of indecency, immorality and deliberate lying.

Even for him, it is a new low in misusing the space the papers pay him to use.

He even blames Sadat for his own assassination, misrepresenting it as that:

"The act resulted directly ...by public execution. He was found guilty of unfulfilled expectations, the same 'crime' that caused the latest round of killing."

What this "latest round of killing" is he does not say. He implies that it is the terrible New York bombing and the killing and injuring of so many innocent Americans.

Nor does he say who killed Sadat. Egypt says it was by followers of the Arab leader with whom those already proven to be involved in the New York slaughter are associated.

Typical of his propaganda guised as columns he does not say what those alleged "unfulfilled expectations" are. This offense, serious in one who boasts of himself as a jour-

nalist, is actually a big lie, big even for this master of them.

Sadat was killed because he signed a peace treaty with Israel. As was Jordan's Abdullah and so many Arabs of lesser rank suspected of wanting peace.

Part of Meachum's omnipresent rewriting history is: "Old leaders, like Syria's Assad, Iraq's Hussein and Egypt's Mubarak, have been reduced to hollow figures, dependent completely on bayonets and bribes for their continuance in office."

There is no present Muslim state, none of Meachum's lifetime, of which this was not true. There is none that is a real democracy, and most are open tyrannies, one of the most important reasons for their rulers' hatred of Israel and incitations against that one truly democratic society in that part of the world.

He actually argues that the "new and violent philosophy", a polite way of referring to the most extreme and irrational Arab terrorism, is justified and necessary - should take control of the Arab world.

Why? Because it is "rooted in the complete despair that Islamic people can expect any good from trusting industrialized nations." He said the United States and Israel.

The despair of the Arab masses comes from the corruption, the greed and the wrong and evil policies of the tyrants who rule them. Which means some of the world's very wealthiest who could have relieved the misery of their masses if they gave a damn. Who could have led those masses into the modern world and lives. Only that would lead to a little freedom and that would get them overthrown. So , those who control the astounding wealth from their control of most of the world's petroleum, tyrants without exception, are not to Meachum those whom their people should "expect any good." It is the United States and Israel that deny it in this convoluted rewriting of reality to convert another great tragedy into more of Meachum's unending incitations of anti-Semitism and Israel-hating.

Misrepresenting the intermitted Middle East peace conferences entirely - they have been aborted by Arab intransigence and propagdnda -Meachum blames the United States for that, too, and for that additional reason he justifies the terrorism he says we should expect and deserve:

"I fear very much the World Trade Towers will prove only the first payment of a long

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overdue moral debt costing innocent blood." (Emphasis added)

When he can write this monstrous justification of the barbarous slaughter of innocent Americans, the other monument all costs of that bombing aside, there is no indecency, no incitation to hatred, no fabrication of any kind, that will not be published.

How horrible it is that with the assorted dishonesties, only some of which are indicated above, actually he blames this "nation" for the terrorism of Arabs who to him can do no wrong.

This is like the Hitler he defended who blamed everyone else for what he did.

When this catalogue of vicious fabrications designed to inspire hatred can be published there is nothing that cannot be if he writes it.

His justification of Arab terrorism should be remembered because he tells us more is coming, we deserve it, and it may be even in Frederick.

~~But then, perhaps his justification of this terrorism may make Frederick immune.~~

"This is only the first payment " to the United States " on a long overdue debt."

According to Sheik Meachum.

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